

## **DOA Administrative Letter No. 05-1**

**To: Area Agency on Aging Directors**

**Subject: SFY 05-06 Regional Allocations**

**Date: January 25, 2005**

Enclosed, please find the SFY 05-06 regional allocations for the following:

1. Planning and Administration;
2. Title III-B, VII, State funded Ombudsman, and Elder Abuse Program;
3. Minimum budget amounts for in-home services, access services, and legal services;
4. Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion funding;
5. Title III-E Family Caregiver Support funding;
6. Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding; and
7. State Senior Center Outreach

The Division received FFY 05 Older Americans Act funding authorization from the Administration on Aging earlier this month. SFY 05-06 Home and Community Care Block Grant funding is essentially unchanged with a \$23,535 increase over current SFY 04-05 levels. SFY 05-06 Title III-E Family Caregiver Support funding is increasing by approximately \$113,000 and there are slight decreases in SFY 05-06 Title VII Ombudsman and Elder Abuse funding. The County Funding chart for Title III-E is provided as a guideline only.

Title III-D Health Promotion and Disease Prevention funding is slightly decreased from SFY 04-05 funding levels. The Division has updated medically underserved area data through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). You will note that only eight (8) counties are not designated as medically underserved. A county is considered medically underserved if one township or census tract in the county is determined to be underserved. This is causing significant adjustments in Title III-D in several regions. The Division considers this funding to be project-oriented and is not establishing caps on regional funding loss.

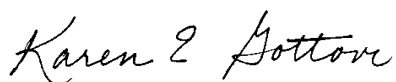
The attached *Target06.xls* spreadsheet denotes Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) and other HCCBG funding for counties. This funding reflects the following revisions to the IFF established through the IFF review process this past summer: 1) Formula data reflects the most current 2000 census-based demographics; 2) Base funding to counties is increased from \$42,930 to \$60,000; and 3) Counties are protected from funding losses greater than 5%, based on current SFY 04-05 funding levels. You will note that IFF

target funding for your counties is adjusted if one or more counties in your region is being protected from a funding loss of greater than 5%. Otherwise, the *unadjusted* IFF target funding and the *adjusted* IFF target funding for each county in your region is the same.

Area Agencies will make decisions concerning III-B Ombudsman funding needs for SFY 05-06. Area agencies are to consider these needs and return the attached *HCCBG County Funding Worksheet for SFY 05-06* to Gary Cyrus by **February 4**. As always, regions need to carefully weigh regional Ombudsman funding needs against community-based service needs in counties. This is particularly critical in regions where counties are being held to a 5% loss in HCCBG funding, as a reduction in available HCCBG funding will cause the loss of funding in these counties to be greater than 5%. If the region elects to increase III-B Ombudsman funding, counties are to be made aware that HCCBG funding is being decreased. This is particularly important in situations where county funding would fall below 95% of SFY 04-05 HCCBG funding. If, based upon funding in the Adjusted Target H&CCBG column, no changes are being made in county allocations, indicate "no change" in the Revised Adjusted Target H&CCBG Total column of the attached worksheet. The Division will review this information and will, jointly with each area agency on aging, provide Home and Community Care Block Grant funding to each county no later than February 15.

Please contact Gary Cyrus at (919) 733-8390 or at [gary.cyrus@ncmail.net](mailto:gary.cyrus@ncmail.net) with any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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